

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 2 and 5-7 are currently amended, and claim 19 has been added. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-19 are pending.

The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 7-18 if rewritten in independent form. Claim 7 has been rewritten to be in independent form, so it is believed that claims 7-18 are now allowable.

The specification has been amended to correct the clerical error noted in the office action.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by CH 337,740. This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

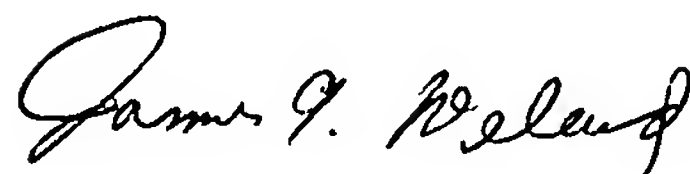
Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the first portion and the second portion of the base member are structured to move laterally relative to each other when the base member is fixed to the bicycle frame. CH 337,740 discloses a derailleur with a first portion (36) and a second portion (5). First portion (36) and second portion (5) are connected together by a bolt (35). While bolt (35) may allow longitudinal movement of first portion (36) relative to second portion (5), bolt (35) does not allow first portion (36) and second portion (5) to move laterally relative to each other when the base member is fixed to the bicycle frame.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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